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By Bernard Weinraub

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By Richard Harwood




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## No Relief for Japan Jobless

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## The Bulls Charge Into Asian Markets







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# U.S. Consumers And Industry Are Optimistic 

| Conpilad by Or Suaff from Dipatcher sumers and industry are showing more optimism about the economy than they have in several years. reports released Tuesday showed. Consumer conifidence rose to its bighest level in almost two years in December, a sign that consumers are growing incressingly secure about their jobs, the economy and in their expectations for the next in their expoctations for the nex six months, acconding to the latest survey by the Conference Board. U.S. manufacturers, meanwhile. are forecasing the fastest growth io sales in six years, according to the Commerce Departentis IndustriCommerce Department's Industri- al Oulook report for 1994. The gains will be fueled by inyesumen in capital equipment and by in- creasing consumer demand for durable goods the repon said. <br> The nombers, which followed a string of recent reports showing an economic uppurn, convinced ana fysts that the recovery will not stall in 1994. "I think the evononyy is for real his time" Brian Wesbury, chief real his sime." Brian Wesbury, chief economist of Griffen, Kubik, Stephens \& Thompson in Chicago, said "Wit inventories low and consaid, "With inventories low and con- sumer confidence strong I expect to see growth well into the fiture." | The Conference Board's index from a revised 7.9 in Novembe putting the baromeler al its highes leved since Marcb 1991 . level since Marcb 1991. The increase means sumers may be ready 10 make bik tickel purchases - sucb as cars an refrigerators - that they had bee holding off on because of umcer tainty about the economy. The Consumer Conide <br> The Consumer Confidence Ir dex is now at a levt hiscorically a sociated with a reasonably comfor able pace of economic growth" ssic Fabian Linden, execurive direttor c Rescarch Center. "While it may stil be too early for the readings to b totally convincing, they are certainly extremely encouraging" <br> According to the commerce De industries pushing the Unite States to the lastest grownh in man ufacuring in six years. The depart ment saw a 6 percent rise in unit sales of U.S.-produced motor veti- cles and a 4 percent increase in bome construction. <br> The department said its annua forecast had surveyed 200 manufac- turing and service imdustries that See ECONOMY, Page 10 |
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By Joe Lapointe


















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